

All the biographers are silent with respect to the birth and parentage of this great person, nor indeed is it essential where, or of whom he was born. For a good man is a good man, let him be of what country or parents soever. We shall therefore wave the different circumstances that are related of his birth, and only speak of his abilities, which were prodigious, but perhaps not so amazing as some would insinuate; for the story of his stamping on, and sinking the pier at *Westminster-Bridge*, and some other things related of him, are false and invidious.

We cannot give those who have never seen Mr. *Woglog* a better idea of his prodigious bulk and size, than by comparing him with what they call the giant of the *Netherlands*.

Tho' this giant, we must observe to you, is only made of basket-work, clothed and carried on four mens shoulders, who are concealed; the boy that looks out of his pocket and cries *Papa, Papa!* is indeed natural, is a real urchin like you or I, ty'd there only to carry on the deceit, and to amuse the populace; but our *Woglog* is *Woglog*, whatever the world may think or say to the contrary.

*Woglog*, as we have observed before, never made

made use of his strength, but for the benefit of the public. If a poor market-woman or porter was over-loaded and fainting, he would take them and their load under his arm and carry both to their journey's end.---Or if a carman was at a stand, and inhumanly whipping his horses to make them do what was impossible for them to effect, which is very often the case, he, after giving the carman a box on the ear, or a lash with his own whip, would take horses, cart and all out of the slough, and set them on plain ground. He once met with nine gentlemen, going into a noted gaming-house, near *St. James's*, whom he swang heartily over his head, and so frightened them that they returned home to their families, said their prayers, went to bed, and determined ever after to leave off that knavish, stupid, unchristian, immoral, inhuman, vile, wicked, scandalous practice.

He was not only strong in body, but also strong in head, or in other words a great lover of wisdom. As *Æsop* took a journey to *Greece* to see the seven wise men, so *Woglog* made a voyage in a barge down the river *Thames* to *Reading*, to see the seven wise women. But how